



Business Recovery Status Report #16
Presidential Disaster #1763
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www.flood2008.iowa.gov

Economic Planning and Redevelopment Corporation

- Seeking significant disaster recovery grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce.
- U.S. Department of Commerce has provided money for public-sector ideas related to economic development in other cities hit by natural disasters. Possible uses include transit, power generation and the downtown steam system.

Iowa State University Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS) (www.ciras.iastate.edu)

- CIRAS teams continues to explore opportunities and to offer solutions to assist manufacturers (total=18 companies) in exceeding pre-disaster production levels. Examples of assistance include facility layout, materials testing, Kaizen events, productivity improvement and education on conducting business with federal, state and local agencies along with identifying current and future procurement opportunities for Iowa businesses.
- CIRAS is exploring opportunities/needs for hosting workshops to address common industry recovery challenges and collecting lessons learned on preparation, disaster response, and recovery in industry.

Rebuild Iowa Office (www.rio.iowa.gov)

- Rebuild Iowa Office released the "Iowa Recovery Times", an informative guide targeted at Iowans impacted. The newsletter can be viewed on line at www.rio.iowa.gov/news.
- Lt. Governor Patty Judge, Assistant U.S. Secretary of Transportation Thomas Barrett and Vice Admiral of the U.S. Coast Guard announced that Iowa will receive more than \$23 million in federal support to help rebuild roads damaged by this year's severe weather.
 - 1500 miles of roads and 400 miles of rail were damaged
 - Funds will help reimburse state and local governments for temporary repairs made to roads, and make permanent repairs to the federal roads and bridges.
- Governor Chet Culver and Congressman Dave Loebsack announced that \$7.3 million in state and federal funds have been identified and is in the final stages of federal approval for Linn County.
 - Funds will be used to repair the Options of Linn County Building, a public service and rehabilitation building for the special needs population.
 - This is one of an expected 8,500 projects that will be identified under the State/FEMA Public Assistance program designed to help public and certain non-profit agencies.
- Harvesting Resources for Iowa Communities – Iowa Rural Development Council is hosting resource tradeshows to highlight state, federal and local resources in an informal setting. To register for the tradeshow click [here](#). Two sessions scheduled:
 1. Friday, October 31, 2008 at North Iowa Area Community College, Muse Norris Conference Center, Mason City
 2. Friday, November 14, 2008 at Iowa Wesleyan College, Howe Student Activity Center, Mount Pleasant
- Iowa Disaster Recovery Conference: Learning from the Past/Planning for the Future – December 9-10 at the Marriot Hotel & Conference Center in Coralville. Optional Community Design workshop on December 11 should be of interest to architects, engineers, contractors, small businesses, industries,

city, county and community leaders, consultants and the general public. Registration is \$100 for the conference and an additional \$50 for the design workshop. Professional Development Hours can be earned. Registration and sponsorship opportunities available at www.iowalifechanging.com/register.

Safeguard Iowa Partnership

- Business Continuity Trainings are scheduled for Nov. 4 in Sioux City, Nov. 5 Cedar Falls and Nov. 6 in Cedar Rapids. To register for this FREE training go to <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>. If you do not have a user name and password you will need to create one.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) (www.sba.gov/floods/)

- *SBA Application for Property Damage Deadline – **October 31, 2008***
- *SBA Application for Economic Injury Deadline – February 27, 2009*
- SBA Customer Service Representatives (CSR) staffing 1 fixed Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).
- Operating 1 Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) throughout the state.
 - SBA Customer Services Representatives are available at each location to meet with homeowners, renters, and non-farm businesses of all sizes to provide program information, help applicants complete paperwork and forms, and to close approved SBA disaster loans.
- Continues to sponsor a Business Recovery Center (BRC) at Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids, where SBA has assisted over **3,300** visitors at the center.
 - Available to answer specific questions about how a disaster loan may help each business and to help owners' complete business loan applications.
 - Sponsors the availability of multiple additional services at the BRC and there is no charge for any of the services.

Iowa SBA Loan Approval Totals Statewide Current as of COB 10/23/2008		
	Applications Approved	Funding Approved
Home	3,004	\$154,402,300
Business/EIDL	615	\$87,934,000
Total	3,619	\$242,336,300

Donations and Volunteer Management

Iowa Aidmatrix Portal

To donate cash go to www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/CashDonations/Default2.aspx?ST=iowa. The organizations listed are members of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters and other nonprofit organizations assisting in the recovery efforts in Iowa.

To view the identified needs and donate products go to www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/FEMA/PublicPortal/ListOfNeeds.aspx?PortalID=113. To fill a need, select **donate** and complete the required information.

Embrace Iowa 2008 Disaster Fund

The 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund will NOT take the place of contributions to local agencies such as community foundations, United Ways or Red Cross Chapters; rather, the Fund will encourage local contributions and also provide a fund for those wishing to make statewide contributions.

To donate go to www.desmoinesfoundation.org/page10002684.cfm.

Cedar Rapids Job & Small Business Recovery Fund

The Cedar Rapids Job & Small Business Recovery Fund provides financial assistance to a for-profit business (person or entity that sells good or services) or the owner of commercial property in Cedar Rapids that has sustained losses as a result of the flood.

To donate go to www.gcrcf.org. Select “Job & Small Business Recovery Fund” from the selection of flood funds.

To apply go to www.corridorrecovery.org/BusinessRecovery/BizRecoveryFundApplication.asp.

Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

If you are interested in volunteering, register at

<https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/icovs/volunteer/register/?id=>